THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.16376 of 2006

08.3.2007

Between:

Thummala Ramesh Reddy, S/o.T.Sriram Reddy

… Petitioner

AND

The Principal Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Panchayat Raj Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad
And others

… Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner is allegedly a member/corporator of Ward No.34 in Karimnagar Municipal Corporation (KMC), which was constituted in April 2005 by upgrading the then existing Municipality. It appears that there was a proposal to merge the Gram Panchayats – respondents 5 to 14 herein; within the territorial limits of KMC and steps in that direction were also initiated. However, respondent Gram Panchayats filed W.P.No.18911 of 2005 challenging the Government memo dated 04.8.2005 cancelling the resolutions of these Gram Panchayats opposing the merger. The writ petition was subsequently dismissed as withdrawn on 17.7.2006. Threafter, the Mayor of KMC purportedly acting on behalf of all the corporators including the petitioner approached the State Election Commission, Hyderabad, to suspend the election process for the ten Gram Panchayats for which elections were announced then in order to consider the proposal of the Government to merge these Gram Panchayats in KMC. At that stage, when the election schedule was announced, the present writ petition is filed seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 4 to take a decision with regard to merger of the respondent Gram Panchayats in KMC.

When the matter is called for admission to day, learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the elections for these Gram Panchayats were already completed and without waiting for the period of five years, the first respondent should consider the representation for merger of these Gram Panchayats. It is not clear whether any decision is taken by the Government or not. KMC may now approach the Government in which event this Court observes that the same may be considered in accordance with law, after giving notice to all the Gram

Panchayats which are proposed to be merged. In this writ petition, except making such observations no relief can be granted.

The writ petition, with the above observations, is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

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March 08, 2007 (**V.V.S.RAO,J**)

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